



The
4-H Victory Garden



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"Food Will Win the War and Write the Peace"

The success of our military operations and war industry operations depends in no small degree on the efficient production, conservation, and proper consumption of food by all our people. A National Victory Garden program has been launched. The 4-H clubs have been requested to aid in this victory march. Our objective as an organization is to join with all other organizations in a concentrated attack on all forces of evil and by all means available, destroy the methods and sources of equipment that would destroy or retard the growth of democracy and the democratic way of life.

An objective in a creative mind with opportunity for development soon asserts itself. The 60,000 club members in North Carolina and the thousands of other young people who are invited to join us can make a great contribution to the cause of victory through the production of food and feed. 4-H members can grow pigs, poultry, corn, and certainly every member, or at least every rural family represented in 4-H club work, can and should grow a garden that would provide vegetables so essential for the maintenance of health and growth of the family. Provision should be made for canning, preserving, and storing all surpluses.

There will be need for more emphasis in organization and in cooperation in order that the most may be accomplished with the least amount of effort and in the shortest possible time. We must continue to include in the program of 4-H club work those things which will encourage the building of strong bodies, the development of alert minds, and the elements of moral courage and character to meet and withstand crises; more than that, we must keep alive and perpetuate the spirit and courage of our pioneer forefathers who carved from a wilderness a nation of freedom, equality, and justice for all; and preserve forever the heritage of American citizens. Youths' answer to the call of democracy is: "Tell us what to do and guide us in that direction and we will answer the challenge and do the job to the best of our ability".

Procedure For 4-H Victory Garden Program

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1. An educational program to acquaint 4-H members and others as to the importance and necessity of a home garden.
 2. A garden adequate to supply needed vegetables for each family represented in 4-H Club work.
 3. Every 4-H club member in North Carolina actually participating in some way in the Victory Garden drive.

Organization of Program

Procedure Method Plan Call a meeting of the 4-H council, and if no council is available, call meeting of outstanding representatives of each club to present the Victory Garden Program.

1. Present to the council or special group the facts about the Victory Garden program and emphasize that the 4-H club has been called upon to take the lead among the youth of the county in this drive.
2. Follow the presentation with a group discussion. Bring out questions as how to best proceed within your county.
3. Set up goals for the county.
4. Set up goals for the club.
5. Set up goals for each member.
6. Set a date for a second meeting at which time progress reports will be given (this might be a supper meeting).

Basic Plan for Local Clubs

Local Plan

1. A specific Victory Garden committee to be appointed in each club with the chairman a member of the county council or specially appointed county group.
2. That a garden program be presented in each club giving information on the necessity of a Victory Garden, information on gardening, facts about planting, cultivating, and size of garden to meet family needs.
3. For each member to contact at least three families in addition to their own, distributing bulletins, food charts, planting schedules, and other information and facts about the Victory Garden program.
4. That each club present at least one special chapel program on the Victory Garden for the entire school.
5. That special Victory Garden programs be arranged and given before PTA, Civic, and womens' clubs.
6. That every club cooperate 100 percent in the program and especially during the special week designated as Victory Garden Week, February 2-7, by distributing literature, erecting posters, giving special programs, etc.
7. A definite month-to-month follow-up program during the year. That all existing means of giving publicity in the furtherance of the Victory Garden program be utilized, such as radio, pulpit, press, schools, civic clubs, womens' clubs, etc.

SUGGESTED CLUB PROGRAM

Meeting Called to Order

4-H Club Pledge

Song: The Plowing Song

Secretary check roll and read minutes of last meeting

Business

Old Business

New Business

The Victory Garden Program And The Part 4-H Will Play
In It.

- a. Presented to group in detail by member of county council.
- b. General discussion entire club of Victory Garden Program.
- c. Appoint a Victory Garden Committee to proceed with activities.

Program: "Gardening For Health and Victory".

Song: The Health Song

Talk: Vegetables Essential to Good Health - Club Girl

Talk: Requirements For a Good Garden - Club Boy

Demonstration: The Home Garden - County Agent

(To include planning the garden, selection and preparation of soil, variety and source of seed, cultural practices - shown by sand box, film strip, or diagram, but attractively illustrated).

Talk: The 4-H Garden Project - Home Agent

(To include explanation of the record book, requirements for project, available material).

Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

Song: America

Adjournment.

"SUCCESSFUL GARDENING DEPENDS UPON A KNOWLEDGE OF VEGETABLE CROPS, UPON HARD WORK,
AND UPON A SPIRIT THAT NEVER GIVES UP UNTIL ALL OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME".